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Students find a place to "rock out" in the new improved place, formally known as "The Bean Scene."

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continues to explore additional techniques for the school's success. Residence Life is a smaller school to get out. News travels on campus Security, the school's immediate information out to the students. Executive director of one possible for distribution news stations. Clarke plans to continue other institutions and continue refining its communication systems.

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would be more familiar but it's very family oriented and only meets on Christmas day. fee with her Irish families of their language. However, we don't celebrate the Fourth of July.

Three long-time pros retire



Professors Kay Frommelt, Janet O'Meara and Judy Biggin are retiring this spring.

Kay Frommelt: a teacher who enjoys seeing students succeed

courtneytownsend
campuslife editor

It's safe to say that if you are currently in the Clarke nursing program, you can thank Kay Frommelt. Frommelt first came to Clarke in 1989. At the time, the school had just announced it was going to discontinue its nursing program, so many of the professors left. Frommelt was hired to fill in for missing professors, but quickly realized there was a place for a nursing program at Clarke.

After Frommelt had been here a while, she asked, Sister Catherine Dunn, BVM, the college president

at the time, if she would accept a proposal to keep the nursing department open. Instead Dunn offered her another position, but Frommelt held firm. They agreed that they would each prepare a proposal for the other; Dunn's proposal would be aimed at getting Frommelt to take another position and Frommelt's proposal would attempt to persuade Dunn to reinstate the nursing program.

Frommelt's proposal went through a rigorous approval process, but it was eventually decided

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Janet O'Meara: a mentor and a friend

kim brooks
staff writer

"There just comes a time to retire," said Janet O'Meara, chair and professor of religious studies here at Clarke. O'Meara plans to retire after this year.

O'Meara who started teaching at Clarke 20 years ago, has been the chair of the religious studies department for nearly that whole time.

When O'Meara first started at Clarke, the religion and philosophy departments were one department. She was informed that the school was working on separating them when she was hired.

O'Meara taught in Massena, N.Y., Omaha, Neb., and Washington D.C. She's been both a high school and college teacher. Having left Omaha for D.C., something always brought her back to the Midwest.

"I was looking for a small liberal arts college that would give me an opportunity to get to know students and stay connected with them after having had them in class," O'Meara said. "I also loved the faculty collaboration at Clarke."

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Judy Biggin: a romantic monarchist

stephanie klein
staff writer

Picture a time at Clarke College in which formal dinners were held every night, no Dubuque students lived on campus, and the students fought tooth and nail to be able to wear knee-high stockings with skirts. For Judy Biggin, professor of history, these were realities she faced as a student at Clarke in the 1960s. At the end of this school year Judy will retire, drawing nearly 40 years of involvement with Clarke to a close.

Judy is a native Dubuquer – she graduated from

Wahlert High School and received her degree in history from Clarke in 1966.

After graduating, Judy enrolled in a master's program at Creighton in Omaha, Neb. Sadly, two personal tragedies occurred during her years there. Judy's sister died unexpectedly of epilepsy, and the following year, her brother was killed in the Vietnam War.

Because of the difficult time her family was going through, Judy moved back to Dubuque

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Clarke president hears Pope speak on Catholic education

bethany napp
staff writer



When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States at the end of April, a couple of the highlights of his trip were his speech at the United

Nations, his speech to Catholic educators and two large public Masses.

The Pope spoke on the issues of immigration, human rights, and the dignity of human beings when he visited the UN. He also addressed the Catholic priest sexual abuse scandal by expressing his embarrassment and saying how evil the abuse scandal is. He even visited with

victims and was very forthright about the whole issue.

The speech that has special meaning for Clarke students is the one the Pope gave to Catholic educators. Our own President Burrows was specially invited to attend this event in Washington D.C., along with about 200 superintendents from K-12 Catholic schools and about 200 presidents of Catholic colleges.

Prior to the event there was some speculation as to what the Pope would have to say;

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The place formally known as "The Bean Scene"

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staff writer

As a commuter student who balances work on the side, I sometimes find myself at a loss, or more often than not, completely oblivious, to things students living on campus take for granted. Take for instance, the Bean Scene. Apparently this no longer exists. Had I ever been to the Bean Scene? Well, with a hectic social life and a genuine distaste for coffee, I had not. However, I seemed to hear a lot about it, so imagine my shock when I discovered it had closed down and re-opened in a slightly different venue this past February.

Clarke's Assistant Director of Residence Life, Stephanie Hilbrand, quickly filled me in on everything I would need to know about the space formally known as the Bean Scene. Since the Bean Scene was originally established by a student initiative, it relied on volunteer involvement to continue running. As time passed by, and coffee was no longer the (ahem) hot item it once was, interest began to fade and the Scene dried up.

That is, until recently, however. "When Jennifer Cramer, the Director of Student Activities left, she gave leadership of that space to me to re-open it for student use," Hilbrand said. "The reality on any campus is that if a space is unused, it's likely that it will be utilized for someone or something else. It's such a great space, I would hate for the students of Clarke to lose its use to a department. My fabulous assistant workers Becka Carroll and Stefani Hines surveyed approximately 70 students for input on what they would want in that space."

Working with a modest budget, but backed by dedicated staff, students, and faculty, Hilbrand and the Clarke community logged over 280 work hours preparing the new and improved student lounge.

Now offering everything from Xbox 360 (complete with Rock Band and Guitar Hero), gaming tables and karaoke to a book exchange, wifi connections, and a big screen TV ("kind of a long term loan agreement" from the dining hall, said Matt Ricketts, Director of Dining Services), the yet unnamed lounge has everything a student could ask for.

OPINION

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She just wants to write...

Clarke alum finds niche on national music magazine

ben jacobson
staff writer

Jenny Domine just wanted to write. Novels, poetry, news stories, ads for men's fragrances; it didn't matter. "I'd even write the insides of fortune cookies," Domine said.

Clarke did not offer a minor in writing at that time, so Domine, a 2006 Clarke grad, began taking any writing classes that were offered, even those outside of her English major. She used her talent writing and doing an award-winning comic strip for the Clarke "Courier" and wrote for the Clarke "Catalyst."

She found her current job as an associate editor of "Music Inc."

SPORTS

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Farewell senior athletes...



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Kinesiology



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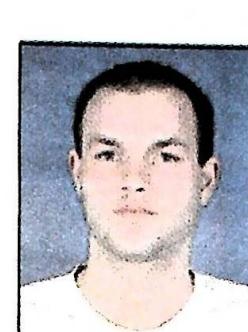
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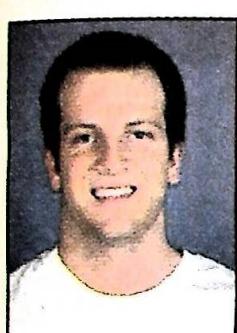
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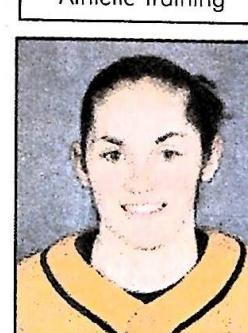
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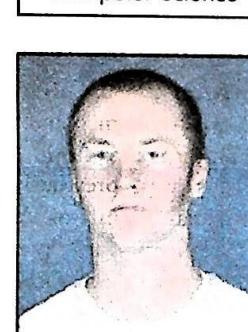
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Brittney Reed
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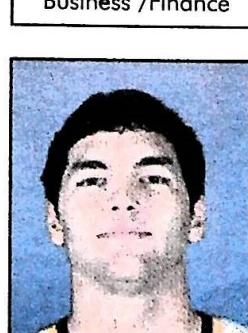
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EXTRAS

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that the nursing program would be reinstated. Frommelt's dedication led her to recruit 49 students for the program, even though Dunn only required 15 for the first year. She also had to write the syllabus and find faculty for every course that was going to be offered.

Frommelt's enthusiasm stemmed largely from the fact that Clarke offered the only four-year nursing program in the area. "It seemed to be a good tie-in with the mission of Clarke," she said, "and I like a

challenge."

Frommelt's list of achievements and awards spans a document of nearly 30 pages, but she says the most important part of her job is the students. "Students have always been the reason to come to work and to stay working," she said. She enjoys seeing her students go on to do great things, saying "It makes me proud."

In 2004, Frommelt was chosen by the People to People Ambassador Program to go to South Africa to help with the fight against HIV/AIDS. Only 16 people were chosen nationally by the Program, and Frommelt was proud to be one.

"It was a life-altering experience," she said.

As part of her graduate research, Frommelt developed a scale known as the "Frommelt Attitude Toward Care of the Dying Scale." Her scale has been used in 90 different colleges throughout the United States and in 17 foreign countries. It has also been translated into 10 different languages and is widely used for both research and professional education of health care providers.

Although Frommelt has done so much for the nursing department, she realizes it is time to move on. "I've been a nurse for 40 years and

spent 19 years at Clarke" Frommelt said. "I thought it was time." Her main reason for retiring is to spend more time with her five children and eight grandchildren, with one on the way. She also has plans for some extensive reading. Currently, she reads anywhere from three to five books a week, sometimes more, while working 60 hours a week. There's no guessing how many she'll be able to get through after she retires. "I don't ever want to stop learning or studying," she said.

Frommelt has also been offered an opportunity to write a book. Although she is retiring from

teaching full-time, she did not rule out the possibility of doing some part-time teaching. "I'm keeping my options open," she said.

Susan DeCrane has been the chair of the nursing department this past year, but she recognizes that it will be harder when Frommelt leaves. "The only thing I can do is try to do the best job possible," DeCrane said. "It has been really nice having Kay around this past year so that I could ask her questions. I would hope she will continue to keep her cell phone handy after she retires!"

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O'Meara says that Clarke faculty truly care about their students.

"The people here create a warm and caring community made up of faculty, staff and students," she said. "The faculty is open to new things and innovative ways of teaching. The students are delightful and engaging as well."

Colleen Dansart, sophomore biology and pre-physical therapy major, helps O'Meara from time to

time doing minor secretary work and research for the religious studies department. "I've gotten to know Janet from working with her in a different aspect outside the classroom setting," Colleen said. "I can tell she genuinely cares about her students."

As for her plans, O'Meara said she is going to let God show her the way. She wants to get more involved as an associate member of the Trappists/Trappistines. This is an association for laity who share in the mission of the religious community. This will allow

her to spend more time volunteering with the group and more time in prayer.

She also wants to continue visiting people in her parish who aren't capable of getting out because of age or physical weaknesses. O'Meara visits and talks with them, takes them Holy Communion, prays with them, and does things for them they aren't capable of doing themselves. The third thing on her list is to get more involved with Hospice, which she praised for all the meaningful work it does with people who are at the

end of life.

O'Meara said she doesn't really have a favorite course that she has taught here at Clarke. "I just love teaching in general," she said.

Her position as chair of the religious studies department will go to Dean , who has been teaching at Clarke for five years. The school has also hired William Gregory from the University of Dayton in Ohio as a full-time faculty member for the religious studies department.

"Janet has been a mentor and friend in my work here at Clarke,"

Manternach said. "I was new here five years ago and Janet would be available to process and talk through difficult situations that I encountered along the way. She knows Clarke well and would always have a historical perspective on my questions, which helped guide me to make good responses and choices. One would expect these things from a great department chair! I will miss her a great deal!"

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to be with them. Judy's mentor, Clarke history department chair Dorita Clifford, BMV, offered her a job in the history department. "There was no interview process," Judy said. "I remember I had shorts and tennis shoes on and I signed a contract for \$6,500 per year, beginning in the fall of 1968."

The classes Judy teaches reflect the areas of history that she particularly loves. "I'm really a romantic monarchist at heart," she said. "I love teaching the Tudors from England, the Hapsburgs, and the Bourbons."

Another favorite of Judy's is the Global Challenges course which

she developed and often team-taught with philosophy professor Norm Freund. This course focused on contemporary political issues in world hot spots such as the Middle East. Judy taught the history portion, while Norm handled the values analysis.

"I will always treasure our teaching collaboration in this class," Freund said. "I am honored and blessed to have known her as both friend and colleague."

Senior history major Molly McGrath acknowledges the impact that Judy has had in her life. "As a future history teacher myself, I look to Judy as a role model," she said. "She has a keen sense for making history fun, whether it means telling us about Catherine the Great's unusual choice in partners or challenging us with her

witty political humor to become more involved."

Biggin - having taken a break from teaching from 1974 to 1976 - was in her tenth year as a teacher when Clarke's campus was ravaged by fire in 1984. "My office was in Mary Bertram Hall, and my window was right off of the roof of Sacred Heart Chapel," she said.

When the fire broke out she was at a meeting in Mary Frances Hall. Fortunately, one metal filing cabinet from her office was saved; the rest of her teaching materials were the victims of water damage.

"The maps in the filing cabinet had to be cleaned with Lysol," she said. "It was so tough to rewrite all of my notes - I just worked furiously."

Judy's students have been enriched by her travel stories.

"Traveling makes history come alive," she said. Judy has been to Ireland, England, Poland, Austria and Yugoslavia. "I was going to go to the Middle East, but my husband put his foot down — he believed it was too dangerous," she said.

Even though Judy may not be able to make any more trips abroad, she intends to live vicariously through the books she reads. "I'm so people-oriented so I really love reading biographies," she said. "When I learn about a person's background and character, it makes them more human and I gain a greater understanding of why they say and do the things they do."

Judy is also a self-proclaimed film nut who especially enjoys watching classic World War II films. "I like

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however, in the end he gave a very encouraging and positive message to the audience of educators and urged them to continue with their work.

"The Pope expressed appreciation for the educators' generosity and affirmed the value of academic freedom," said Burrows. "He said scholars should be free to find truth, and at the same time, Catholic colleges should make sure students are educated in a Catholic tradition. The Pope also said he wants more active dialogue between faith, life and culture," she added. "I believe Clarke College is engaged in this dialogue already."

Overall, Burrows was impressed with the Pope's visit and what he had to say. "He was so pastoral," she said. "He gave a message of hope, love, and Jesus Christ, rather than a message of rules."

President Burrows brought a keepsake of the event back to Clarke. Everyone who attended the speech for educators received a special medallion commemorating the Pope's visit. The medallion will be put into a Clarke collection.

Burrows also said she was surprised how the people reacted to the

Pope's visit, with spectators lining his travel routes to watch him go by.

Since she grew up in Washington, D.C., Burrows enjoyed a bit of relaxation while in the area. She visited family and enjoyed walking on the National Mall, seeing the blooming cherry trees and dogwoods.



Jensen Fernando and Jessica Lange perform April 17 at the Clarke Association of Nursing Students Talent Show. Proceeds go to the Dubuque Domestic Violence Program.

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Summer movies
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Clarke's new golf coach is Rick Arington.

Weather

